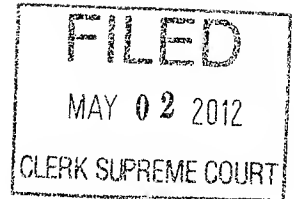


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA



IN THE MATTER OF

RICHARD F. SCOTT,
An Attorney.

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O R D E R

No. 12-0796

This matter comes before the court upon the application for disability suspension filed by the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board pursuant to Iowa Court Rule 35.17(2).

The board's application requests that Richard F. Scott's license to practice law be suspended and a trustee appointed due to Scott's alleged failure to discharge his professional responsibilities. The board also maintains there are exigent circumstances constituting compelling cause for waiving rule 35.17(2)'s 20-day notice period and effective-date-of-suspension provisions.

Upon careful review of the matters set forth in the application and attachments, the court finds a sufficient showing of Scott's current inability to discharge his professional responsibilities has been made to require the temporary suspension of his license to practice law and for the appointment of a trustee under rule 35.17(2), (6). The court further finds a sufficient showing of exigent circumstances has been made to require a waiver of rule 35.17(2)'s 20-day notice period and effective date-of-suspension provisions.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. The 20-day notice period and effective-date-of-suspension provisions of rule 35.17(2) are waived due to exigent circumstances.
2. Richard F. Scott's license to practice law in the State of Iowa is temporarily suspended pending further order of this court.

3. The chief judge of the eighth judicial district shall appoint a trustee for the purposes set forth in rule 35.17(6) and shall promptly forward a certified copy of the appointment order to our clerk for confirmation by this court.
4. Scott may appear before a justice or justices of this court at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, in the supreme court courtroom, 4th Floor, Iowa Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, and show cause why the temporary suspension of his license to practice law and the trusteeship should not continue in effect.
5. Scott may also challenge the temporary suspension and trusteeship prior to the scheduled show cause hearing by appearing before a justice or justices and showing cause why the temporary suspension and the trusteeship should not continue in effect.
6. The clerk of this court shall serve a certified copy of this order by restricted certified mail upon Scott at his last address as shown by records accessible to this court.
7. The clerk of this court shall also cause the Appanoose County sheriff to attempt to personally serve Scott with a certified copy of this order prior to the May 29, 2012, hearing.
8. The clerk of this court shall also serve a certified copy of this order by regular mail upon Scott at his last known address as shown by records accessible to this court.
9. If Scott files a consent to the disability suspension and trusteeship, the May 29, 2012, hearing will be cancelled.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2012.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice

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